

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

JULY 1, 2003 ANNUAL ACCESS CHARGE TARIFF FILING

MOULTRIE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY

Tariff F.C.C. No. 1

Transmittal No. 15

Issue Date: June 16, 2003

Effective Date: July 1, 2003

General

This is the July 1, 2003 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filing for Moultrie Independent Telephone Company (the Company) pursuant to Part 61.38 of the Commission's rules, and also pursuant to DA 03-1175 and DA 03-1176. This filing also increases the Residential and Single-Line Business SLC rates to \$6.50 pursuant to the Commission's Order FCC 01-304. This interstate access service tariff filing consists of revised tariff pages with an issue date of June 16, 2003, and an effective date of July 1, 2003.

In accordance with DA 03-1176, cost support consisting of Tariff Review Plan (TRP) schedules in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet format are provided as part of this filing. These TRP schedules are those specified for last year's annual filing with appropriate updates to reflect more recent data including an update to the test year. Also provided with this filing is: 1) Description and Justification (D&J); 2) FCC Form 492 for 2001-2002; and 3) Certification for the accuracy of the support data.

The transmittal letter, revised tariff pages, TRP schedules, the D&J, FCC Form 492, and the Certification statement are being filed electronically.

Annual Filing Background and FCC Form 492 Submission

The Company converted from Historical (61.39) to Prospective filing status pursuant to 61.38 of the Commission's rules with an annual access filing effective July 3, 2001. Because of this, certain forecast data requested in the TRP schedules is not available. Notes to this effect are found in each individual schedule where this occurs.

In addition, because the Company converted to 61.38 status with the July 3, 2001 annual access filing, the Company was only required to file an FCC Form 492 by March 31, 2002 for the period July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002. This FCC Form 492 was filed as required. An FCC Form 492 for the period July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002 was filed as required by March 31, 2003. The final FCC Form 492 for the 2001-2002 monitoring period will be filed as required by September 30, 2003.

Cost Support – Tariff Review Plan (TRP) Schedules

The cost support included with this filing consists of the following Tariff Review Plan (TRP) schedules:

COS-1(P)	REV-1	RTE-2	DMD-1 p. 3	DMD-4	BSF-1
COS-1(H)	REV-2	RTE-3	DMD-2	DMD-5	RORDEM-1
COS-2	RTE-1	DMD-1	DMD-3	ERN-1	61.38 ACR-1(H)
					61.38 ACR-1(P)

Highlighted Information

As with the 2002 annual access filing, in addition to the TRP schedules mentioned above, additional items included with this 2003 annual access filing are addressed below.

1) General Support Facilities Investment Reapportioned as Required by FCC Order

The *Rate-of-Return Access Charge Reform Order* required LECs to reallocate General Support Facilities (GSF) costs to the Billing and Collection (B&C) element in Part 69. This was to be done if the LEC was providing B&C services themselves.

The Company uses a billing vendor to provide B&C functions. Therefore, no reallocation of B&C costs is included in the test period revenue requirements with this filing.

2) FCC Form 492 for 2001-2002

As mentioned previously in this D&J, the Company submitted FCC Form 492 as required for the period July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002. A copy of this form is included with this filing.

3) Part 69 Waivers

The Company is not subject to any Part 69 waivers.

Description and Justification
July 1, 2003 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filing
Moultrie Independent Telephone Company
Tariff F.C.C. No. 1
Transmittal No. 15
Issue Date: June 16, 2003
Effective Date: July 1, 2003

4) Certification

A certification statement signed by the President of the Company has been provided with this filing. The statement certifies that the historical and forecast data are true, correct and complete to the best of the Company's knowledge.

5) Separate Set of TRP Schedules to FCC

In addition to providing the TRP schedules as part of the Company's filing made electronically, another set has been sent to Raj Kannan in the FCC's Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau.